

Missionaries Find Safety—Even In Beirut

GLORIETA, N. M. — "Today there was renewed fighting in Lebanon," droned a TV newscaster recently. These words, familiar to many Americans, hold a special meaning for Julia and Finlay Graham, Southern Baptist missionaries there since 1948.

On a four-month furlough to the United States and participants in the recent Foreign Mission Conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, the couple plans to return to war-torn Beirut in

the fall.

For 14 months, a bloody civil war has raged in Lebanon, and President Ford recently advised all Americans there to leave.

Even while over 500 evacuees were in the process of fleeing Lebanon, Graham and his wife indicated no desire to have been a part of the exodus.

"The safest place in the world is in the will of God," Graham said. "We have no criticism of those who did leave, because many did

so as a response to God's leading. But we will stay."

President since 1960 of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Graham and his teachers touch the lives of students from Israel, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Algeria and Egypt. Mrs. Graham teaches there and assists in women's organizations in Beirut.

"It is a deep satisfaction to see our ministry multiplied," Graham stated, referring to the far-reaching

impact each seminary student has by returning to his own country after graduation.

Because Baptists are recognized as part of the High Council of Evangelicals in Lebanon, they are a legal and visible group there. Still, the missionaries admit, Southern Baptist inroads are slow and painstaking.

"Our hope is to win entire families to Christ," Mrs. Graham explained. "This is difficult to do because of persecution by mem-

bers of the Moslem community. When a family member accepts Christianity, he often is ostracized.

"You must remember," she continued, "that in the Arab world you are born into a religion, and that religion controls your life. When a family member is led to Christ, we encouraged him to maintain his family ties as much as possible. Sometimes this is impossible because of hostility and even threats of physical violence.

"In other cases, however, conversion causes such a dramatic change that the person's life has an effect on other family members. After a period of time, they too begin to inquire into the Christian faith."

As the Grahams anticipate new opportunities even in the midst of danger, they also encourage the 13 million Southern Baptists here to rally behind them through prayer and stewardship.

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'Nation Feels Need For What Baptists Believe': Sullivan

By Tim Nicholas

ATLANTA (BP) — "There never was a time when our nation sensed a need for what Baptists can deliver more than now," Southern Baptist Convention Presi-

dent James L. Sullivan said here.

In a speech to the directors of the Baptist Home Mission Board, Sullivan referred indirectly to the attention Southern Baptists are getting because of the presiden-

tial candidacy of Democrat Jimmy Carter, a Southern Baptist layman.

"The present situation and political scene really have called into focus who we are," Sullivan said, explaining that the eyes of the people and the hearts of the nation are open.

"If we do not seize this opportunity, I think God's condemnation will be upon us," he declared.

"We've been living in an era of gross immorality," he said. "And in these insecurities that our nation has been feeling, they're grappling now for something stable, something solid."

"They want people in whom they can have confidence, people whose word is a bond, people who believe in the sanctity of the mar-

riage vows, people they can trust in private life as well as public. This is where we stand, where we've always stood, calling for high ideals, high purposes, deep dedication."

Sullivan said he has been interviewed several times recently for information about Southern Baptists and what they believe.

One religion editor for a major daily, visited Sullivan, "asking who are these Baptists and what does it mean to be 'Born Again'?" He got it in non-theological terms, but he said, "Well, thank you for helping me understand."

Sullivan itemized some things he said Southern Baptists often take for granted.

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High Court Rules On Human Rights

EDITOR'S NOTE: The U. S. Supreme Court took far-reaching actions in its recently concluded term on a number of issues involving church-state relations and human rights, which were reported by Baptist Press. The following is a wrap-up on the human rights opinions — last in a series of two Baptist Press wrap-ups on court action.

By Stan L. Hasty

WASHINGTON (BP) — A series of significant actions relating to First Amendment freedoms and human rights marked the recently concluded term of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Besides several cases dealing with the First Amendment's religion clauses, the high court also ruled that judges may not forbid the press from covering the pretrial portions of a criminal case, held that military base officials may prohibit political candidates from making campaign speeches, and upheld Illinois' flag desecration law.

The justices also took significant actions dealing with capital punishment, abortion, privacy, sex discrimination, and obscenity.

In the free press case, the court unanimously decided that a gag rule imposed on the press by a Nebraska state judge in 1975, following a widely publicized mass murder, violates the free press provision of the First Amendment.

Considered a major test by the news media, the case was an example of a classic confrontation of two constitutionally guaranteed rights — freedom of the press and the right to a

fair trial.

What the high court decided was that the free press right takes precedence over a judge's decision to bar newsmen from covering the crucial pretrial stage of a criminal case. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, however, did allow for the possibility of criminal cases where judges might, in extreme circumstances, impose a gag order.

The free speech case involved four candidates for President and vice president, including Dr. Benjamin Spock, who were denied permission in 1972 to make campaign speeches and distribute literature at Fort Dix, N. J., a military base. Two lower federal

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Council Schools Gift Kelly Says Convention Not Involved In Issue

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is not involved in the controversy which has arisen between the Southern Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, and Civil Rights leaders

over acceptance by the church of a gift of seven schools, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The schools were presented to the church by the Council School Foundation.

The gift was made last week, and on Monday was challenged by the Mississippi Council on Human Relations. Spokesmen for this group charge that the gift was made in order to avoid court-ordered integration of the schools.

Under a recent Supreme Court ruling, church schools were exempted from the requirement that private schools must open their doors to all groups.

Southern Hills pastor, David T. Cranford, stated that the church had accepted the gift of the schools and would operate them as Christian academies.

Civil Rights spokesmen are reported to have stated that they would ask the Internal Revenue Service to revoke the tax exemption status of the church, if it is determined that the schools are being operated under a discriminatory policy.

The Human Relations Council spokesmen, Michael Raff and Frank Parker, are reported to also have said that they would raise

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Theme For WMU Camp Is "Minding The Future"

A series of training days, Aug. 23-26 at Camp Garaywa, will help prepare WMU leaders for "Minding The Future," one of the two primary emphases for 1976-1977.

Along with "Minding The

Future," an emphasis on preschool, children, and youth in missions organizations, Woman's Missionary Union will be emphasizing "Teach Missions," encouraging participation in mission study.

Sessions at Garaywa will begin on the evening of Aug. 23. Day

sessions will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. No other night session will be held after Monday.

Special guests for the training sessions will be Aline Fuseller and Mickey Martin, both of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham. Miss Fuseller serves as Baptist Women Consultant, helping to plan Baptist Women work and traveling widely to promote the work. Miss Martin is Mission Friends and Girls in Action Consultant, promoting these two agencies and providing training, instructions for workers with preschoolers and children.

Conferences which will be offered at WMU Camp are as follows:

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94 Missionary Journeymen To Serve In 36 Countries

BON AIR, Va. — The 12th and largest group of Southern Baptist missionary journeymen was commissioned at Bon Air Baptist Church here July 23.

The 94 journeymen, bringing the total number commissioned since the program's initiation in 1965, to 802. They will serve in 36 different countries.

Members of the Bon Air church extended the invitation for the board to hold the service in their building because two of their members were commissioned during

the service.

Journeymen are college graduates no older than 26 who work for two years alongside career missionaries in specific job assignments.

According to the 1976 journeymen, the goals of the program are to assist the missionary while they are overseas, to have personal spiritual growth, and to return to interpret missions in the States.

Job assignments include teaching, preaching, communications, nursing, youth and student work,

agricultural work, business administration, bookkeeping, and secretarial work.

Of the new journeymen, 27 will be commissioned to serve in Europe and Africa, 14 to Europe and Africa, 12 to East Asia, 12 to West Africa, eight to Eastern South America, eight to Western South America, six to Southeast Asia, and six to Middle America and the Caribbean.

Prior to their commissioning, the journeymen completed six weeks of special training at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

Pre-Med, Nursing Loan Established At Carey

The establishment of a loan fund at William Carey College by the family and friends of Dr. Stova Barron McIlwain, long-time physician and resident of Pascagoula, is being announced today. The fund will be called the Stova Barron McIlwain Memorial Fund, and proceeds will be used to provide low-interest loans to students who are entering the pre-med or nursing fields.

Dr. McIlwain, long prominent in the medical world of Southern Mississippi, recorded a notable professional career of 56 years as a physician before his death in 1967. Active in Pascagoula for nearly half a century, he played a leading role in the establishment of two hospitals and pioneered in the use of X-ray photography in the area. He was also active in the civic and church affairs of his

community. For close to 50 years he was a member of First Baptist Church of Pascagoula.

In commenting on the establishment of the fund at Carey, Mrs. McIlwain, her two sons and daughter, expressed the desire that this fund help young Christian students who are entering the same profession to which Dr. McIlwain was so dedicated.

Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president of Carey College, said, "It is significant this fund is in memory of one of the first students of the original college, South Mississippi College, established at this location in 1906. We are grateful to the family and friends of Dr. McIlwain for providing this fund which will so greatly benefit our students who are entering the medical profession."

Pastor-Missionary Retreats Slated In August, September

Some 54 program personalities will participate in four pastor-missionary retreats to be in August and September in four parks in the state.

The first of the retreats will be Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at Wall Doxey State Park near Holly Springs. Dr. James Travis, faculty member at Blue Mountain College, will be the Bible study leader for this retreat.

Dr. William W. Stevens, faculty member at Mississippi College, will be the Bible study leader for

the retreat on Sept. 2 at Leroy Percy Park near Hollandale.

Roosevelt State Park near Morton will be the scene of a retreat Sept. 7 and 8. Rev. James W. Nelson, director of the Department of Rural and Urban Missions for the Home Mission Board, will be the Bible teacher for this retreat.

The last of the four retreats will be Sept. 9 and 10 at Paul Johnson Park near Hattiesburg. Dr. Don H. Stewart of William Carey College will be the Bible teacher.

Three of the retreats will be a day and a half in length while the one at Leroy Percy Park will last one day. The first day of each retreat will get under way at 9:30 a. m. and continue until adjournment at 8:30 p. m. Breakfast will be served at 7 a. m. on the second day, and the program will begin at 8 a. m. It will continue until lunch.

At each of the retreats Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will speak and provide for questions and answers (Continued on page 3)



Kelly



Nelson



Stewart



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Rogers



Bryant

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courts had earlier ruled on their belief. The Supreme Court overturned those decisions in a 7-2 ruling, holding that military officials have no obligation to provide a political forum for candidates.

In the Illinois flag desecration case, the high court declined to hear an appeal for three women convicted in Rock Island, Ill. of burning an American flag near the federal building there. They were protesting American involvement in Vietnam and the deaths of four students at Kent State University in 1970.

Easily the most publicized decision by the court in its past term was its holding that the death penalty does not constitute "cruel and unusual punishment" in violation of the Constitution's Eighth Amendment.

In a complex series of opinions, the justices, by a 7-2 margin, declared that capital punishment is still desired by a majority of the American people, as evidenced by the fact that 35 state legislatures and Congress have written new death penalty laws since 1972. That year, the high court ruled that the death penalty, as it was then being imposed, was "arbitrary" and "capricious" and therefore involved cruel and unusual punishment.

Three state laws were upheld entirely by the court's latest actions. Georgia, Texas and Florida were said to have met the court's 1972 requirements. But two other states, North Carolina and Louisiana, had their mandatory death penalty statutes invalidated by a slim 5-4 margin.

What the decision means is that those states which give juries and judges no options for mercy must enact new laws which include such provisions. But those states which pass the newest constitutional guidelines may now proceed to execute convicted first degree murderers in those categories covered by their laws. A majority of the 592 inmates on death row before the new decision have now lost their final appeal.

In another major decision announced during the court's last week of the term, the justices broadened their 1973 abortion ruling by holding that neither husbands nor parents may be given veto power over the decision of a woman in consultation with her physician to have an abortion.

The Missouri case involved a sweeping state law enacted in the wake of the 1973 action which held that states may not forbid a woman from obtaining an abortion within the first three months of pregnancy but many impose certain regulations over the last six months.

The new decision is really a logical extension of the earlier actions in that the court has now reaffirmed that government has only a limited interest in the matter. The justices continued to avoid deciding the question most often raised by anti-abortionists of when life begins, saying again that such a question is medical and theological rather than legal.

The court did uphold portions of the Missouri law, including a written consent requirement by the woman and certain record keeping regulations for physicians and hospitals. But the key portions of Missouri's anti-abortion law were struck down.

The high court also ruled on

several other privacy questions. Another 7-2 decision declared that the conviction of a Maryland attorney for defrauding a client in the purchase of a piece of real estate is valid despite the fact that some of the evidence used against him at his trial had been seized by police who entered his office without a warrant for all the items taken.

That means police must be given wider discretion than in the past to search for evidence and may seize documents not directly related to the charge without violating the Constitution's ban on "unreasonable searches and seizures."

Another privacy case, this one from Louisville, Ky., was also decided in favor of police power and against individual rights. By 6-3, the high court rejected the appeal of an accused shoplifter who complained that publication of his photograph on a police flyer warning merchants of active shoplifters before he had been convicted violated due process of law. The court ruled, however, that since the accused could not demonstrate sufficient "liberty" or "property" interests, his claim was invalid.

The justices declined to hear a case from Louisiana brought by an affiliate of the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws which argued that adult possession of the drug is a matter of personal privacy protected by the Constitution.

The high court was active also in the field of sex discrimination, although it decided to hold over until its next term the key current case in the field. Despite hearing oral arguments last fall that the General Electric Co. discriminates against women by excluding pregnant women from an employee disability income protection plan, the court announced without explanation that the case will be reargued next term.

The court likewise reversed its field by announcing that it will not hear a Mississippi school board's argument that it should be allowed to deny employment to unwed mothers. The court had earlier said the case would be given a full hearing. The action means that all women, including unwed mothers, must be given equal consideration by school boards in compliance with Title IX of the education amendments of 1972 passed by Congress.

In other sex discrimination actions, the court let stand a lower ruling that an insurance company may pay women accountants less than men in similar positions but also upheld another lower court's decision that a Houston, Tex., firm violated women custodians' rights by paying them less than their male counterparts.

In another area where litigation has flourished, the high court by and large stood by its 1973 decision to allow local communities to define standards of obscenity. The tribunal's newest justice, John Paul Stevens, announced that he would not join three of his colleagues on the court who want the court to restudy the whole obscenity field. Four of the nine justices must agree before any case can be heard.

The court, in other cases relating to sexual questions, upheld the right of states to prohibit sodomy, said that states may not prevent underage youth from obtaining birth control information without parental approval, upheld the federal Mann Act forbidding transportation of women across state lines for immoral purposes, refused to review California's sex education program for public schools, and declined to hear an Oregon school teacher's appeal that her dismissal for being a homosexual violated her civil rights.

Seminary Enrollment Hits All-Time High

NEW ORLEANS — An all-time high enrollment figure for credit students, 1,139, has been reached at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, according to George C. Herndon.

"This figure represents a 20 percent increase in enrollment over a year ago," stated Dr. Herndon.

Seminary President Dr. Landrum P. Leavell remarked that the increase in enrollment was "an indication of our part in the trend in Southern Baptist Seminaries." ... all of whom are enjoying record enrollments."

Nation Feels Need -

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"We're the largest evangelical body in North America. We have the largest Bible teaching program in recorded history, largest music program in the field of religion, and one of the greatest missionary forces ever."

"A world that had thought we were an ignorant, barefooted, one-galled lot, was jarred out of its seat when it found out that one out of six theological students is a Southern Baptist, that our voluntary gifts in a year approximate \$1.5 billion, and that on an average Sunday, our churches will baptize approximately three times as many people as were baptized at Pentecost."

Sullivan, for 22 years head of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was elected in June as president of the 12.7 million-member SBC, on the first ballot.

"I think it (the election) said something to the theological positions I have held throughout the years," said Sullivan. "It said something to the fact that we've been able to work through this crisis of the past 15 years. ...," he added, "and at the same time make tremendous strides of progress in social issues as well as any other area without dissipating our energies or dispersing our people."

Sullivan said there was a third, unspoken element in his election. "It was the convention's compliment to the leadership of every facet of our denomination. They were saying we're on the right track, going in the right direction, full steam ahead."

"If we continue to pray and stay humble," he said, "and if we work and live as we should, our greatest history is yet to be written and under God, may he let us have a part in it."

Kelly Says Convention Not Involved In Issue

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the issue of the tax exemption of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, since the Southern Hills Church is affiliated with that body.

Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, stated, that the convention board was not responsible for the actions of any church; "since under Baptist polity, each church is an independent body."

He pointed out that the Mississippi Baptist Convention constitution says, "This Convention shall always recognize and observe the equal rights and independence of the churches; it shall not possess nor attempt to exercise power or authority over any church or association of churches. This Convention is hereby irrevocably committed to the principle of complete sovereignty of local churches."

Dr. Kelly added, "My office has had no contact with officials of either the Southern Hills Baptist Church or the Citizens Council, either before or after the transfer of the Council schools to the church. I have not seen any of the documents prepared to bring about this transfer of the property and know nothing of the arrangements. Actually, the relationship between cooperating Baptist churches to the Mississippi Baptist Convention does not require such contact."

Dr. Kelly said that under Baptist polity, the convention cannot be held responsible for the actions of any church.

Convention institutions, such as the colleges, do operate under a non-discriminatory policy, and have done so for years.

The Southern Hills Church has made no announcement concerning what its policy will be in the operation of the schools.

Book Stores To Handle WMU Retail Sales

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Retail sales of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union literature and supplies other than periodicals will be handled exclusively by Baptist Book Stores — for at least three years — beginning October 1.

Agreements between WMU and Baptist Book Stores call for the sales arrangement to be tried and studied for three years. "If consumers are not pleased WMU will resume retail sales," said Carolyn Weatherford, WMU executive director.

Previously customers could order WMU publications either from the national WMU office in Birmingham or from Baptist Book Stores. Over the counter sales and mail order retailing will now be handled only by Baptist Book Stores, under an agreement just reached by officials of WMU, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and of the book store division of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

All business related to the purchasing of WMU magazines subscriptions will continue to be handled only by WMU, according to Miss Weatherford.

Certain other short term publications for special projects may also be advertised or purchased from WMU although none are presently available, she added.

"Baptist Book Stores have already been handling 85 percent of our gross sales in literature and supplies," Miss Weatherford said. "We believe that other customers will come to find buying through the Baptist Book Stores satisfactory." Buyers can charge purchases through Book Stores, while WMU does not extend credit.

William S. Graham, director of the book store division, said, "As our six new regional mail-order centers move into operation, we should be able to fill orders within 24 hours after we receive them. WMU buyers will benefit from this service."



First Diploma

Mrs. Florice Faust, Church Training Director for Quitman Association, was presented the General Officer and Adult Leader diplomas in a recent morning worship service by her pastor Billy J. McDaniel. Mrs. Faust is a member of the Sledge Church. She has been the Associational Church Training Director in Quitman County for the past two years and is presently WMU Church Training Director in the Sledge Church. Mrs. Faust is the first person in Mississippi to earn the Adult Leader diploma. She is the only person in Mississippi to hold Church Training Leadership Diplomas in two areas, and only seven other persons in the state hold any of the diplomas. The Church Training Leadership Diplomas were instigated last October by the Sunday School Board.



Exploration

A little girl sets out on a warm Summer afternoon to explore the world around her, a world of trees and grass, flowers and birds, sunshine and butterflies.

Carson-Newman College Names

Search Committee

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (BP) — Jack H. McEwen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, has been named chairman of a search committee to select a successor for John A. Fincher, who will retire August 31, 1977, as president of Carson-Newman College, a Baptist school here.

Revival Dates

Grandview Church, Jackson: August 8-13; Len Turner, pastor of Colonial Heights Church in Jackson, evangelist; at 7:30 p.m.; O. E. Herrington, pastor.

Paul Church (Tallahatchie): Aug. 8-14; Paul Manderson, Clear Water, Florida, evangelist; Hollis Ishee, Grenada, music evangelist; Sunday (8th) homecoming with dinner on the grounds; services 7:30 p.m.; Eli Wiltshire, pastor.

Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson: August 4-8; services at 7:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. Thursday through Saturday; Dr. Rick Ingle of Denton, Tex., evangelist; Tom Byrd, minister of music, and Bob Reno, minister of education, music coordinator; Dr. Ingle was born in Coeburn, Va., but his ten years were spent in the ghettos of Philadelphia, Penn. In 1953, he was converted from a gang leader to a Christian minister. He has served as pastor, but much of his time has been spent in the conducting of over 250 revival crusades across America. Louis Smith, pastor.

Damascus Church (Madison): August 8-13; Preaching at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, with dinner served at noon; week-day services 8 p.m.; Rev. V. R. Crider, pastor and evangelist; music under direction of Ira Bradshaw; Robin Bridges, pianist.

Rock Hill (Rankin): August 8-13; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; during week at 7:45 p.m.; Vance Dyess, pastor of Trinity Church, Pearl, evangelist; music directed by Tommy Sparkman, the church's minister of music; Robert Jones, pastor.

Schooner Valley (Chickasaw): August 8-13; Billy B. Guest, pastor, Corinth, Magee, evangelist; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday-Friday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Albert C. Gore, pastor.

O'Zion Church (Franklin): Aug. 8-13; Jack and Ginger Hagin of Perry, Fla., evangelist and musicians; Sunday services 11 a.m. with lunch at noon and concert by the Hagins at 7:30 p.m.; services nightly 7:30; Darrell Roberts, pastor.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH (Monticello): Aug. 8-13; Bobby Thompson, pastor First, Sharon, evangelist; Glyn Vince, song leader, Cindy Vince, pianist; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 1:30 with dinner on the grounds; weekday 7:30 p.m.; Clifton Johnston, pastor.

Bethesda Church, Terry: Aug. 1-6; Dr. Glenn Morgan, El Dorado, Ark., evangelist; Rick Van Egmond, Jackson, song leader; services 7:30 p.m.; Glenn Nations, pastor.

Lawrence Church, (Newton): Aug. 8-13; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., weekday 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Buddy Beam, pastor of Commission Road Church, Long Beach, evangelist; Vivian Rasmussen, music director for Lawrence Church, leading music; Mary Beam, pianist; Rev. Bill Beam, pastor.

First, Soso: August 1-6; Herbert Kinmon, pastor; daily speakers—Sunday, John Gilbert; Monday, Foy Rogers; Tuesday, Mike Hillman; Wednesday, D. C. Jenkins; Thursday, A. T. Walker; Friday, Paul Williamson. Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department, MBCB, guest musician.

SAND HILL CHURCH (Jones): Aug. 8-13; homecoming with dinner on the grounds Aug. 8; night services 7:30; Walter Johnson, pastor.

ESCATAWPA CHURCH (Jackson): Aug. 9-15; David Spriggs, evangelist; Pat Roper, music evangelist; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Ralph Young, pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, LAKE (Scott): Aug. 8-13; Clyde B. Little, pastor of Forest Church, evangelist; Buddy McElroy, music director of West Jackson Church, Jackson, Tenn., music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday 7:30 p.m.; W. P. Miley, pastor.

RUSSELL CHURCH (Lauderdale): Aug. 12-15; homecoming with dinner served in the fellowship hall at noon Sunday; Fred Donovan, pastor, Eastmont Church, Birmingham, Ala., evangelist; Jimmy Crane, minister of music at Russell, singer; weekday services 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:45 a.m.; Charles Griffin, pastor.

UNITY CHURCH, WEST: Aug. 8-13; Rev. Ed McDaniel, pastor First Church, Durant, evangelist; Zane Smith, Springdale Church, Attala, music evangelist; Miss Sue Branscome, pianist; services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Therman V. Bryant, interim pastor.

SALEM CHURCH (Hinds): Aug. 8-13; HOME COMING and dinner on the grounds Sunday; Rev. H. Glen Schilling, pastor Central Church, Brookhaven; evangelist; Charles Barker, Jackson, music evangelist; services 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Harry F. Jones, pastor.

POCAHONTAS CHURCH (Hinds-Madison): Aug. 8-13; Rodrick E. Conerly, Holden, La., evangelist; Steve Willis, Flora, music evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Mike Everett, pastor.

Temple Church, (McCluskey Road, Jackson): August 8-13; services at 7:30 p.m.; James W. Hickman, pastor of Unity Church, Picayune, evangelist.

Wayside Church (Yalobusha): Aug. 1-6; Bob Bledsoe, Grenada, evangelist; Gregg Moore, North Winona Church, music evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.; Larry Kilgore, pastor.

Eastside Church, Pearl: Aug. 8-13; Ted Moody, full time evangelist of Griffin, Ga., evangelist; Tommy Echols, minister of music; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., weekday 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Howard Benton, pastor.

First, Grenada: August 8-11; youth-led revival; Altus Newell, Louisville, Ky., preacher; Billy Jack Green, minister of music, Eastside, Marietta, Ga., guest musician; Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

First, Beaumont: Aug. 8; Rev. Wayne L. Dubose, pastor of Orchard Church, Mobile, evangelist; Bill Wade, music director of First, Richton, singer; services 7 p.m. each evening; Rev. Frank Hendry, pastor.

Hopewell, Little Rock: Aug. 8-13; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James Byrd, Bradenton, Florida, evangelist; Rev. Wayne Edwards, pastor.

BATAAN-ZAMBALES, Philippines — In less than five years, the circle of reproduction has been completed in indigenous mission work in this area. The people here heard the gospel for the first time from Southern Baptist Missionary Charles A. Chilton less than five years ago. Today, the association of Baptist churches in Zambales and Bataan is sending its own missionary.



Golden Anniversary

Southern Baptists attending the recent Church Training Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center recognized the 50th anniversary of the publication of the first cover proof copy of the commemorative July issue to Dr. Philip B. Harris, secretary of the church training department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The first issue, under the title of The Monthly B.Y.P.U. Magazine, was printed in July 1926. Dr. J. E. Lambdin was editor.

The Fourth Of July In Bangladesh

By Rick Axtell

As I went to bed on July 4th, I thought of all you folks just beginning the day's celebration. I'm sure it was great. The Americans in Dacca gathered for a celebration — complete with elephant rides!

This is a place of hard reality. The disease, the hunger, the gruesome deformities, the rags, the filth — all are very hard to look at. It's frustrating not to be able to do more to help them all — the problems seem insurmountable. But God is at work. I know He has me here for a specific purpose and only expects me to do my part of His plan. Day by day, there are great lessons in depending on His strength and guidance and peace.

My English class has been a really good experience. I have 20 students (12 male, 8 female). They are all Muslims except for one Hindu. We are reading from Luke in Good News to improve pronunciation and to introduce them to Christianity. Their questions are remarkable — How was it possible for Jesus to be born of a virgin? Science proves this impossible, doesn't it? How can God be the father of Jesus? Why did Jesus call Mary and Joseph His parents? Why did he call himself Son of Man? What is an angel? What is Passover? What is baptism? Why was Jesus baptized? etc., etc. Some are defiant; some are just curious. It is difficult to

explain these things in simple terms to people who have had absolutely no Christian background. Nothing can be taken for granted, as we so often do. This has resulted in greater understanding of the Bible and increased faith in God and His Word as Truth — open to examination.

The students are really friendly and the opportunities to share Christ's love as limitless. Several have invited me to their homes. This is one of the most interesting things because I really get to see how they live. I was greeted by a monkey on the dark stairway of one home. Three of my students are descendants of the Nawab Sir Salimullah who ruled in this area in the 19th century. They live, along with the Nawab's 5,000 other descendants, in a small city within the city (of Dacca) at the foot of the palace built by their ancestor. We rode through the crowded streets and visited their homes as well as the palace — all very fascinating. Then we took a boat ride on the Ganges and walked through a market place — crowded and smelly.

I also had the chance to go to a Muslim wedding. I was the only foreigner there — no doubt very conspicuous as I tried to eat the rice and curry with my hands (no silverware). It was spicy and greasy and they kept heaping it on my plate. The wedding customs are really interesting. Most marriages are arranged so it is

often a sad affair — a last goodbye to the family. I'm really glad I got to see one.

I've also visited some college dorms here in Dacca and made friends with many of the students. We've had many interesting discussions. They listen as I share what I believe, but they are not at all receptive. A foreigner is a big attraction — especially an American — and a blond one. I'm trying to get used to being stared at and waited on.

I'm really enjoying the fellowship with the other workers at the bookstore — Christian students mostly my own age. The missionaries are great people — there are good opportunities for ministry among their families.

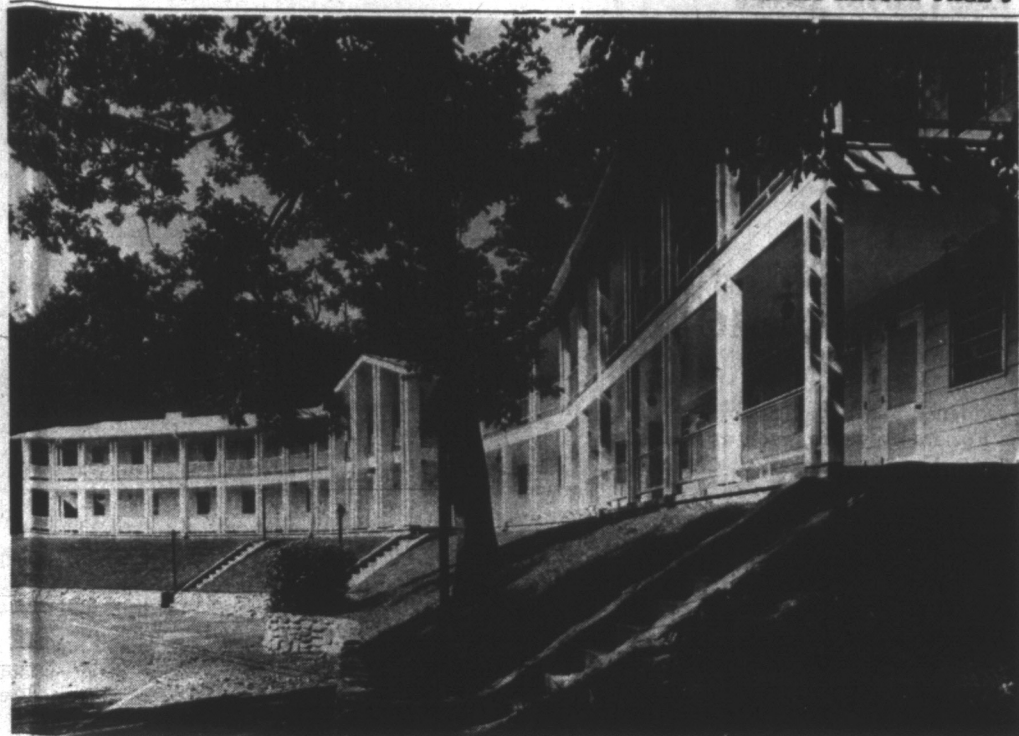
I've been lost in Dacca three times — a very helpless feeling when your rickshaw puller speaks no English!

Next week, the Journeyman I've been living with will be leaving, so I'll move into the Baptist guest house and later with the McKinnley's. The weather is like a steam bath. There is much rain and bad flooding east and north of here.

On the 4th, I saw Dr. Grant and David briefly while they were in Dacca. They're having a great trip.

Give my greetings to Paul Harrell and let him know I'm praying for R.A. camp.

Rick Axtell is a student at Mississippi College and a Baptist Student Summer Missionary. He and 34 other summer missionaries are being sponsored by the voluntary offerings of the Mississippi Baptist Student Unions.



Ridgecrest Conference Center

Florida Apartments is one of several apartment and cottage groups at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center. Thousands of Southern Baptists are

spending happy and fruitful days at the center this summer.

Lesch Named Assistant To BSSB Executive Office

NASHVILLE (BP) — Gomer R. Lesch, director of the office of public relations of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named a special assistant to the board's executive office, according to President Grady C. Cothen.

In the newly created position, Lesch will be responsible for special assignments and studies for assistance to the president and executive vice-president. He will have additional responsibility for coordinated promotion planning relationships to state conventions.

Cothen pointed out that Lesch will serve as acting director of the office of public relations until that position is filled by trustee action.

Lesch joined the church administration department of the board as church public relations consultant in 1959. He was named assistant for denominational relations two years later and in 1962 was elected as the first director of the office of denominational relations. The office name has since been changed to public relations.

A native of Buffalo, N. Y., Lesch has a bachelor of science degree in education from State University College at Buffalo and did graduate study at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

Some wives are too beautiful for words, but not for arguments. A family is the thing most needed in the American home today.

Queen Completes Baptist Class At Spanish University In Madrid

Leaders of Baptists and other denominations in Spain apply their beliefs to the solution of world problems for the Queen of Spain and other students at the state Autonomous University of Madrid.

Queen Sophia, wife of King Juan Carlos, has donated one million pesetas (US\$15,000) to the Contemporary Humanities Department, which initiated the program of religious studies in February 1976. The idea of the state university offering courses on religions other than the state Catholic church is "a real revolution in the Spanish community," said the department chairman, Jose Solas, in an interview at the Baptist World Alliance headquarters in Washington, D. C. Solas and his son Ignacio, a 24-year-old student in the department, were on a brief tour in May in the United States to encourage American universities to develop similar departments.

The Autonomous University of Madrid launched its Contemporary Humanities Department in 1968 after a suggestion from the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The international students, including five from the People's Republic of China, apply their study of various world civilizations and values to contemporary situations.

Jose Borras, president of the Baptist Union of Spain, taught the Madrid department's classes on the Baptist faith for eight Friday evenings. He was pleased that Queen Sophia sometimes stayed "afterward, commenting or asking questions" with other students, some who stayed until 11 p.m. The Queen took home two copies of course materials, one for the

King. The university taped, printed, and distributed course lectures on Baptist beliefs for use at other Spanish universities and for persons who could not attend the class.

Borras sat near Queen Sophia at a university banquet. He said that the Queen responded to his statements on the Baptist belief of religious freedom by saying, "Very good, that is what we need."

Religious Liberty Assured Baptists By Spanish King

(Continued from page 1) problems at all in regard to religious freedom in your Baptist work, do not hesitate to come directly to me," according to Mrs. Whitten.

The Queen had given the first million pesetas to set up the courses taught through the department of modern humanities of the autonomous University of Madrid. The Queen recently attended worship services at the Jewish Synagogue and the Adventist Church, both in Madrid. The visit to the synagogue reportedly broke a 500-year tradition and the attendance at the Adventist Church was believed to be the first by royalty to a Protestant church in Spain's history.

Borras sees these opportunities as tangible proof of changes being made in Spain, according to Mrs. Whitten. Borras also spoke of the possibility of inviting the King and Queen to attend a Baptist Church.

Highland, Meridian, Wins Attendance Award At Glorieta

Forty-five young people and adults from Highland Church, Meridian, attended the Youth Horizons Conference July 16-23 at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, New Mexico. They were recognized as the third largest group in attendance during the week.

James C. Hess, minister of music and youth at Highland states, "We would like to express

appreciation and thanks to the Sunday School Board, and to Bob Taylor in particular. They are to be commended for planning and leading an outstanding program, geared to the needs of young people. The program content and personalities were superior. Christ was at the center of all that was preached, shared and taught."

J. Carroll Hamilton is the Highland pastor.

Iuka Church Calls Minister Of Music, Youth

Ron Roberts began serving as minister of music and youth on July 18 at Iuka Baptist Church in Iuka. He went to Iuka from serving at Rocky Creek Baptist Church, Lucedale. Roberts is a native of Rogers, Ark., graduated from California Baptist College with a music degree, and attended New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Dana, have 3 children. Charles Dampier is pastor of Iuka Church.

Wingate Will Go To 4-Year Status

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP) — Wingate College, a two-year Baptist institution near here, has been approved for four-year status by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention General Board.

Wingate, founded in 1896 as a high school, became a junior college in the mid-1930's. The school has been affiliated with the North Carolina Convention since 1949.

Wingate will begin offering four-year baccalaureate programs in only a few disciplines, aiming for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1979.

Theme For WMU Camp Is "Minding The Future"

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Experienced WMU Directors (every session)
Enlistment-Enlargement Directors (Monday night and Tuesday)
WMU Mission Action Directors (Monday night and Tuesday)
Centennial Chairmen (every session)
Baptist Women Conferences: Inexperienced Presidents and Secretaries (every session)
Experienced Presidents and Secretaries (ever session)
Mission Study Chairmen (every session)
Mission Study Group Leaders (every session)
Mission Support Chairmen-Prayer Group Leaders (every session)
Mission Action Chairman-Mission Action Group Leaders (every session)
Baptist Young Women Conferences: Presidents and Group Leaders (every session)
Mission Action Chairmen (Monday night)
Mission Study Chairmen (Monday night)
Mission Support Chairmen (Monday night)
Mission Support, Mission Study and Mission Action Chairmen (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Acteons Conferences:

Inexperienced Acteons Workers (every session)
Experienced Acteons Workers (every session)
Acteons Directors (Monday night and Tuesday)
Girls In Action Conferences: Inexperienced GA Workers (every session)
Experienced GA Workers (every session)
GA Directors (Monday night and Tuesday)
Mission Friends Conference: All Mission Friends Workers (every session)

The session Monday will begin at 7 p.m. and will conclude at 9 p.m. Day sessions will begin at 9 a.m. with a 30-minute period for Book Store browsing, followed by a general session of instruction and registration at 9:30. The day sessions will conclude at 2:15 p.m. Cost for the night session will be 75c to cover printed materials and insurance; cost for the day sessions will be 75c to cover materials and insurance plus \$1.25 for lunch.

Woodland Hills Calls Texan

Woodland Hills Church of Jackson has called James E. Scirrat as pastor, effective August 8. Scirrat comes to Woodland Hills from the First Baptist Church of Hearne, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Scirrat are natives of Texas. Both are graduates of Baylor University. He received his Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Divinity degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

Active in denominational work, he is currently serving as President of Board of Trustees for San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, Texas. He has traveled extensively in Europe and Israel. He is married to the former Vera Wilcoxson of Amarillo, Texas and they have three children, Marty, 18, Ann, 16, and Jay, 14.

Pastor-Missionary Retreats Slated For August-September

(Continued from page 1) sessions. Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will also speak at each of the four retreats. The Cooperative Missions Department is sponsoring the retreats. Therman Bryant, consultant in the Cooperative Missions Department, will speak at three of the retreats, missing the one-day meeting at Leroy Percy Park. There will be no charge for food or lodging at the retreats. Dr. Rogers pointed out. Those attending should bring pillows and linens, however, he added. Reservations for any one of the retreats may be made by writing Therman Bryant at Box 580, Jackson 39205.

Asia Remains Second In Baptist World Statistics

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptists of Asia rank second internationally in total church members, with more than 1.3 million, according to figures released here by the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).

Asia, second only to North America, retained the second place ranking it gained last year, when it moved ahead of Europe for the first time. BWA statistics for 1976 report 1,338,837 Asian Baptists, up from last year's 1,292,038.

Highlights of the newly-released data are:

—South Vietnam and Laos were dropped from the list of places with a Baptist witness. Last year they had 21 churches and two churches respectively.

"A breakdown in communications prevents us from knowing whether the churches are still alive," said Carl W. Tiller, BWA statistician, "but we hope that before another year passes, we shall have information to enable us to restore these places to our roster."

—India continues to have more than twice as many Baptists as any other place on the continent.

—Only the United States exceeds the Baptist population of India, where 24 Baptist groups are at work.

India's membership data is a little below last year's, Tiller said, primarily because a correction made for about 30,000 church members, inadvertently counted

twice in 1975 because they were covered in reports from two different groups.

—Korean numbers reflect a much larger membership than previously reported, perhaps due in part to a spirit of revival there, but also due to the fact that earlier reports were missing data for some of the churches, and this year the Baptist Convention of Korea has estimated figures for the unreporting congregations.

—A sizeable increase in the numbers of Thailand, and smaller increases in some other countries, are attributed to the inclusion now of more complete data for the Orebromissionen, a Baptist body of Sweden, not a member of the Alliance. The BWA had previously used data for the Orebromissionen which had not been fully updated until 1976.

—The Philippines have been moved from BWA's "Oceania" group into its Asian group of countries, and corresponding adjustments have been made in the older continental totals. Even without the Philippines, however, Asian Baptists outnumbered Europeans in both 1975 and 1976.

The substantial growth in Baptist data for Asia, Tiller said, is reflected by comparing the new

1976, 1,108,086; 1971, 1,188,774; 1977, 1,130,785; 1973, 1,194,345; and 1974, 1,230,035.

On the other hand, the work that has been done thus far may pave the way for an early enactment of the bill when it is reintroduced when Congress comes back in 1977.

BAPTISTS IN ASIA*

Nations	1976		1975	
	Churches	Members	Churches	Members
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	258	19,292	227	16,151
Bhutan	0	0	0	0
Burma	2,748	314,302	2,733	308,095
China, People's Republic	0	0	0	0
India	5,778	749,738	6,205	769,853
Japan	383	38,357	334	33,020
Kampuchea	0	0	0	0
Korea, Democratic People's Repub.	0	0	0	0
Korea, Republic of	606	68,699	476	23,615
Laos	0	0	2	41
Maldives	0	0	0	0
Malaysia	30	3,811	41	4,579
Mongolia	0	0	0	0
Nepal	0	0	0	0
Pakistan	30	3,024	24	2,253
Philippines	813	77,747	790	68,515
Singapore	11	2,000	11	1,834
Vietnam, Democ. Repub.	0	0	21	1,817
Sri Lanka	21	2,023	21	2,010
Taiwan (Rep. of China)	85	14,003	84	13,115
Thailand	152	17,192	87	7,988
Dependencies*				
Hong Kong	53	27,250	53	26,978
Macao	3	620	3	620
Ryukyu Islands	30	2,779	32	2,884
TOTALS	11,011	1,338,837	11,194	1,292,038

* Excludes the Asian portion of the Soviet Union, and excludes the Middle East.

* Adjusted from figures published last year to include the Philippines, formerly classified in "Oceania" rather than Asia.

* No Baptist churches are known to exist in the nations of Afghanistan, Bhutan, the People's Republic of China, Kampuchea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, or the Democratic Republic of Vietnam; or in the dependencies of Brunei, Christmas Island, or the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

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EDITORIAL

Southern Baptists In The News

The name "Southern Baptists" suddenly has become news.

For many years, even as the nation's largest evangelical Christian group, the denomination seldom made the headlines; and almost never was given more than a passing look by the secular press.

Building the largest Bible teaching Sunday school program in America, or sending out the largest number of missionaries ever sent by any denomination, or enrolling more students in their seminaries than any other denomination in the world, was of little import, and the world passed it by. It was not interested.

And then that indifference changed.

A president appeared at the Southern Baptist Convention and the eyes of the nation and the world suddenly were focused upon Southern Baptists.

A peanut farmer from a tiny Southern town, who openly talks of his faith in Christ and his active participation in the work of a small Southern Baptist church, swiftly

moves to the top of the swirling political arena, and the name Southern Baptists becomes news.

News journals write feature articles on Southern Baptists, and even though reporters find it difficult to understand them, and to properly interpret them, yet the stories are being told.

Major news papers and television networks send their best journalists to interview, to research, and to report on the denomination. Conferences are held with Southern Baptist leaders. The programs of the churches and the denominational agencies become important.

It is a strange development, but it is an awesome one as far as the denomination is concerned.

Southern Baptists seek to present Christ and glorify God in all that they do. Their whole effort in establishing churches and building programs has been to witness of Jesus Christ. They believe that the world's greatest need is for men to know Christ as Savior and Lord. Their united effort has been to lead people everywhere to be born again.

They have not sought the head-

lines, nor tried to be newsmakers, except as that news related to Christ and their efforts to bring all men to Him. Usually the world has not been concerned, and the headlines they made, were read mainly by those who were interested in their work.

Now that world is looking and listening. It is hearing the name Southern Baptists, and is asking "Who are these people?"

What an opportunity this brings, and what responsibility!

Never has there been a time when we needed more to be the Bible-believing and teaching, Christ-honoring people, that we claim to be, and are, than right now.

Never have we needed to be so yielded to God that He can fill us with His power, than now.

Never has our message needed to have "no uncertain sound" more than right now.

Never has there been a time when we needed to be more aggressively busy at the task the Lord gave us to do, than right now.

The world is looking at us! May they see Jesus Christ as they look!



FROM THE RUBBLE

Why He Joined A Baptist Church

A friend died a few months ago.

He was a Baptist, and a leader in his church, but he had not always been a Baptist. Once he had been active in a church of another denomination.

As a pastor I welcomed him and baptized him into the fellowship of a Baptist church. However, I had done no proselyting.

His wife was a member of our congregation, was regular in attendance, and had become our church organist. He was a worker in his church.

One night, however, he came to see me. I can never forget the experience. He came to tell me that he had decided to join our church, since he felt that a family should be together in the same church.

I agreed that it was better for a couple to be together in the same church, if they could do so without either compromising on his (or her) doctrinal position. In other words, if a person expected to be happy in a church fellowship he would have

to be able to accept the doctrines and practices of the church he was considering joining. Uniting with a church on any other basis, no matter how desirable it might be from a family point of view, could not bring a happy and useful church relationship.

We discussed some of the differences in the doctrinal positions of our churches, and especially the Baptist emphasis that an individual must be sure of his personal relationship with Christ in the new birth, before being accepted as a member. Our conversation revealed that he had been saved and that he had a positive faith in Christ as his Saviour. I suggested that he study Baptist doctrines and practices, so that he would understand our position, and thus could know whether he really wanted to be a part of our fellowship.

He saw my point and gladly accepted a suggestion that I let him have some books on Baptist beliefs and practices, that he might study them with his Bible in hand.

Weeks passed. One Sunday morning, when I gave the invitation, he came walking down the aisle with a smile on his face.

As I took his hand, he said, "I want to be a member of this congregation, not only to be with my wife, but also because I want to be a part of what this church is doing, and what it believes."

We gladly received him, and immediately he became active in the church life. Later he became a deacon, a Sunday school teacher, and even Church treasurer, and for more than thirty years was a leader in that congregation.

I wonder what kind of member he might have become, had we simply welcomed him, without presenting to him the challenges and responsibilities of being a member of a Baptist church.

Our churches do gladly welcome those who have accepted Christ and want to be a part of the membership. Do we always tell them what it really means to be a Baptist?

tion when he wins the heart of Cecily, a lovely and dedicated Christian.

HUNGRY FOR GOD by Ralph Martin (Revel, paper, \$1.50, 160 pp.) A simple, honest examination of the power of prayer in daily life.

MIRACLES HAPPEN IN GROUP BIBLE STUDY by Albert J. Wollen (Gospel Light, paper, \$2.95, 127 pp.) The author, pastor of Cedar Mill Bible Church in Portland, Oregon, tells why he believes small group Bible study to be no passing fad. He also talks about what dialogue over Scripture can do for a church and explains how to organize and conduct home Bible classes.

DYING TO LIVE by Bob Smith (Word Books, \$5.95, 182 pp.) The author, a pastor, believes that the counseling ministry is not only for professionals, but that all Christians should be able to counsel, with confidence. **DYING TO LIVE** is a handbook detailing the Christian's qualifications and resources for engaging in the counseling ministry. It explains how to employ the Bible for scriptural solutions to specific counseling problems. Mr. Smith is convinced that we haven't paid enough attention to God's Word on the subject of mental health.

NO LONGER ALONE by Dorothy Howard (David C. Cook, 170 pp., paper, \$1.50) Raised in New England, Dorothy Howard was a humanist who found Christ. Her pilgrimage led her to the New York business community where she now works as an insurance specialist. Through the give-and-take of her life in the fast-moving business sphere she has discovered the value of prayer, the cure for loneliness, and the certainty of life beyond death.

PLAIN TALK ON HEBREWS by Manfred George Gutzke (Zondervan, 122 pp., paper, \$2.95) Ten chapters which cover the great truths of the book of Hebrews. His messages are truly "Plain talks."

GOD IS EVERYWHERE — Inspired Writings that Reveal His Nearness and Love Selected by Harold Whaley (Hallmark, 62 pp. \$5.00) A beautiful gift-book of poetry and prose taken from many sources. Beautifully illustrated with both black and white and color photographs.

YOUR CHOICE CAN GROW by C. Peter Wagner (Regal, 176 pp., \$3.50) Signs of a healthy church: what are they? Some churches grow, some do not: Why? The author is acquainted with numerous growing churches, and believes he has found the secrets. Here are exciting chapters which should challenge many pastors and laymen to try to do a better job.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, Vol. 2 (5:1-8:59) by James Montgomery Boice (Zondervan, 410 pp., \$9.95) Volume 2 in a commentary on the fourth gospel, by the pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pa. This is a series of 55 expositions, preaching through chapters 5 through 8. The preacher (for this is preaching) not only is able to interpret the text and its message, but also to apply it to people living in a modern world. You will better understand John's gospel with its wonderful revelation of Christ, and what its message means to you, as you read these chapters.

WINNING JEWS TO CHRIST by Jacob Gartenhaus, (Sword, 182 pp.) new paperback edition of this outstanding book by a widely known Jewish Baptist evangelist. Its subtitle is "A Handbook to Aid Christians in their Approach to the Jews", and the book is just that. If you want to witness to Jews by all means secure this book.

CHRISTIANS IN THE SHADOW OF THE KREMLIN by Anita and Peter Deyneka, Jr. (David C. Cook, 96 pp. paperback, \$1.50) The muffled cry of the spiritual life that still exists in an atheistic, Godless country. The Communists have done their best to kill Christianity, but they have failed. Non-Christians are interested and believers are faithful. Visiting mission leaders who have been there often, tell of their experiences.

THE PLAYBOY COMES HOME by C. M. Ward (Gospel Publishing House, paper, \$1.25, 101 pp.) The author has written a dramatic story of a prodigal son, dressing him in today's apparel and portraying him as a playboy of the 20th century. He stresses that God really cares for the one in the far country, and that he offers forgiveness to the wanderer who will respond to His love and mercy.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Raises Questions On Christian Education Editorial

Dear Dr. Odle:

In reference to the editorial, "Christian Education Colloquium" in the Baptist Record, July 15 issue:

I cannot share the writer's enthusiasm. No doubt progress has been and will be made in the field of higher education. And, I notice that only the "higher education", the last 25% of the scholastic life of only some persons, was discussed; yes, even emphasized.

Can it possibly be that the Education Commission of the Convention, the editorial staff of the Record and all those who said, "This we reaffirm" are unaware of the conditions in which the first 12 years, the most formative years, the first 75% of some, the 100% of many, of a persons scholastic life are spent? Are they not aware that government, at whatever level, is not and cannot be the religious guide? Do they believe that all students will go on to the higher educational level and thereby finally come under the influence of a Christian educational environment? Do they believe that a teacher, however well intentioned, can possibly find the freedom in a public classroom to guide the student toward a Christian life?

The answer to these all can only be a condemnation. And, their ignoring of the elementary and secondary scholastic levels and its problems leaves me in a state of perplexed wonder.

I also wonder what was revealed when, "A penetrating analysis was presented of what Christian education is supposed to be, an honest evaluation was made showing What the present situation is, . . . (underlining, mine). No doubt only higher education was considered, with a "head in the sand" attitude toward the other, greater, part. This omission is a vacating of the charge to guide our children in the way they should grow. It is cause to hang the head in shame!

I ask that this be published in "The Baptist Forum". I doubt that the editorial content or form justifies it, but perhaps there is someone in the readership that would take heart to know that there is at least one Baptist that does not believe we are doing a good job in the field of education.

Truly yours,

C. S. Henderson

(The recent Colloquium, and the editorial, did deal exclusively with Southern Baptist supported "Higher Education." Mr. Henderson is correct in his contention that some of the greatest problems are in elementary and secondary educational areas. These, however, were not the issue at Williamsburg. There the discussion was on the institutions the denomination controls. Perhaps there is need for another conference on the overall problem.—Ed.)

STUDYING ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSONS, July-September, 1976, by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention, paper, \$1.55, 124 pp.) Expository treatment of the Bible for the Life and Work of the adult.

THE GREATEST SERMON EVER PREACHED by Robert H. Schuller (Gospel Light, paper, 95 cents, 46 pp.) A paraphrase of the Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew, chapters 5, 6, and 7.

THOROUGHLY MARRIED by Dennis Guernsey (Word, 145 pp.) A Christian marriage counselor discusses married love and married relationships.

On The MORAL SCENE...

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS — The volume of Crime Index offenses reported to law enforcement during the first three months of 1976 increased four percent over the same period in 1975. The overall increase was the result of the substantial volume of reported larceny — theft offenses even though other Crime Index categories decreased in volume. Violent crime decreased seven percent with murder down eleven; robbery, ten, and aggravated assault, three. Forcible rape increased one percent. The property crimes increased five percent with larceny up 14 percent. Burglary decreased seven percent and motor vehicle theft, three percent. Crime in the Northeastern States increased seven percent; with the North Central States up five percent, the Southern States up two percent, and the Western States up one percent. (FBI Crime Reports, June 17, 1976)

THE BICENTENNIAL TAB — Wishing Uncle Sam a happy 200th birthday will cost taxpayers nearly half a billion dollars in Federal and local government spending, according to Newsweek estimates. The biggest spender is the National Park Service, which has budgeted \$100 million to restore historic sites in such cities as Philadelphia and Williamsburg. Then there have been more ephemeral ways of marking the occasion. The Labor Department commissioned a Bicentennial cantata celebrating American workers for \$50,000, the Pentagon unloaded \$4 million on a Bicentennial band, and a nineteen-member Congressional delegation took a \$30,000 ride to England to pick up a facsimile of the Magna Carta. (Newsweek, July 12, 1976, p. 62)

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL — Small is Beautiful is an unorthodox treatise on "economics as if people mattered" by British economist Ernest F. Schumacher. Published in Dec., 1973, the unpretentious paperback sold only 17,000 copies the first year. . . . By January, 1976, however, a wave of word-of-mouth endorsements had pushed sales to 110,000. Schumacher's central message is deceptively simple: the economic system should serve man, man should not serve the system. Modern economists, he maintains, have established material growth — in the form of the gross national prod-

Robert L. Bernstein, chairman of Association of American Publishers, New York City: "It is extraordinary that at a time when we are concerned about ecology and nuclear explosions, we as a world have not fully realized that the hardest climate to keep pure is a climate where an idea can be born and grow."

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History Of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tells Story Of Mississippi's Largest Church

THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH by Richard Aubrey and Nannie Pitts McLemore (Hederman Bros., 521 pp., \$8.50) The long awaited history of First Baptist Church, Jackson, now is ready. Copies already have been distributed to members of the church, and others are available for sale to the general public and to churches for their libraries. The book has been written by Dr. and Mrs. R. A. McLemore, eminent historians of both Mississippi and Mississippi Baptists, and is a worthy addition to the permanent chronicles of Baptist work in this state.

The story begins with Baptist witness in the state, and tells of the establishment of earlier churches in Hinds county as the tide of settlement moved northward and eastward from the Natchez area where it had started. Jackson in the 1830's was only a small village on the banks of the Pearl River, but it had been chosen in 1832 as capitol of the fast growing state, so it was destined to grow. Baptist work began when a South Carolina minister, Lewis B. Holloway, moved to Jackson in 1832, and began to preach in the state house which then was located at the northeast corner of Capitol and President Streets. Only three other Baptists were found in the little community, so it was felt that these were not yet enough to constitute a Baptist church. Bro. Holloway preached in churches in the surrounding area, but the little group of Baptists of Jackson, began to try to gather funds for a Baptist Building. In 1836 a fair was held for the



purpose of raising money to build a Baptist church. (Holloway opposed this method of raising funds) and \$800.00 was raised. The legislature made lots available to various denominations, in the block just north of what is now Smith Park, and Baptists chose the lots at the Southwest corner of the property. First Baptist Church was organized in May, 1838. In 1841 it reported 42 members of whom 31 were Negroes. Erection of the first building was started in 1843, a building which still stands, and now is used by an insurance company. Beginning growth was slow, and often was a struggle for the little congregation, but strength began to come as the state and town grew. The population of Jackson increased from 529 to 1839 to 1,881 in 1950, and had passed 3,000 on the eve of the Civil War. The state convention, which had been

organized in 1836, was interested in having a strong church in the capitol city, and gave such support as it could, and other interested friends helped. By 1854 the little church had become self supporting, and reported 344 members, including 250 Negroes. From the beginning the Negroes had held their own services in the church basement. The church was active in the associational and state convention work. In 1850 the state convention met for the first time in the church.

The chapters cover the various periods of the church's history. Twelve men served as pastor during the first 41 years, and then the period of long pastorates began. With one exception, since that time, 1880, each pastor has remained for a number of years. The book tells of the church "taking root" in the period 1845-60; "turmoil, conflict and rebuilding" through the Civil War period and after; of how God sent a strong leader who "builds a church", H. F. Sproules, in 1880-1898; advances under two outstanding pastors in the first two decades of the 20th century, Yarbrough and Borum; of the "golden years" followed by depression and war, under W. A. Hewitt; of the tremendous ministry of W. D. Hudgins in the mid century; of great advance in the early 70's under Larry Rohrman, and of the present position as one of the great churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, under the leadership of Frank Pollard. As one reads not only of pastors, but also of people, programs, problems, revivals, buildings, and many other interesting events and features in the life of the church, he finds himself involved in a thrilling and often exciting story. The appendices provide historical tables, membership lists, leadership and other valuable information, and the book is well indexed. It is fully illustrated, attractively printed and bound, and jacketed in a beautiful full color picture of the magnificent church plant.



One-Quarter Of A Million

Three staff members of First Baptist Church of Newton examine the check sent to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for July. The check for \$3,815.96 brings to a total of \$250,000 the church has given through the Cooperative Program during the pastorate of Rev. Hardy R. Denham

Jr. Rev. Denham has served the church since May of 1968. The total gifts given for all mission causes during this time exceeds \$376,000. Roy Baker, church business administrator, is shown presenting the check to Rev. Denham, while Dewitt Pickering, minister of music and youth, looks on.

August "Baptist Hour" To Explore Moral Conditions

With an eye to the nation's Bicentennial, just celebrated, the series of August "Baptist Hour" sermons will explore past and present moral conditions of America and offer suggestions for a bright future.

In the first sermon, "Are We Merely Maintenance Men?", Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs — "Baptist Hour" speaker — questions, "Are we repairing and preserving old ruins which remind us of past glory or are we building for the future?"

"There are still frontiers for us to conquer," he said. "They are not so much geographical but personal, social and spiritual."

Noting, "If you want something done you must do it yourself," Hobbs uses the second sermon in the series to remind listeners America must "rebuild the walls of freedom, self-reliance, industry, honesty, integrity, moral-

ity and faith in God, His Son and the Bible."

On August 15 he describes the "Three C's of the Bicentennial" — commemoration, celebration, and consecration.

"Much of this country's unrest may be traced to a lack of a sense of mission," Hobbs declares. "With no goal set before us we flounder in purposeless existence. It is only when we have a goal and pursue it that life takes on meaning and we find joy."

In the fourth sermon, Hobbs urges listeners, "Never forget that we serve God by serving our fellowman. Don't wait until you can do the big task to serve the Lord. Do the little task where you are, and it will spread to envelope the world in Christian love."

In the fifth August sermon, "Uncle Sam At The Altar," Hobbs says America must repent of its moral erosion.

Single Adults To Focus On "New Beginnings"

RIDGECREST, N. C. — "New Beginnings" will be the focus of the annual Conference for Single Adults at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

More than 1,000 are expected for the Labor Day weekend meeting, Sept. 3-6.

Through varied kinds of worship experiences and more than 25 special-interest conference options, single adults will explore the theme from five perspectives: new beginnings in my faith, in myself, in relationships, from broken relationships, and in the world of today and tomorrow.

Bill Bruster, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Knoxville, will keynote the Friday night session. The music director for the three-day meeting will be Don Medaris, a single adult and a Nashville soloist and composer.

Dr. Sarah Frances Anders, professor of sociology at Louisiana College, will address the group and also will lead a conference on "The Role of Women in Today's World." Anders is co-author of "Christian Freedom for Women and Other Human Beings" and has written a book soon to be released titled "Women Alone: Eve Without Adam."

"The Ballpark," a drama about adults looking for meaning in life, will be featured Saturday night. The play will be presented by a group of Nashville single adults and will be directed by Everett Robertson, drama consultant for the church recreation department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Following the presentation, a discussion will be led by Dr. and Mrs. Harold Wahking. Dr. Wahking is professor of psychology, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Fla. He also will lead a conference on "Developing in Relationships." Wahking has written numerous articles and books, including "A Single Student's Guide to Sex, Love, and Marriage." Barbara Wahking will lead a conference on "Discovering Who I Am."

"New Beginnings," the theme, also is the title of a book written for single adults and released especially for the conference. The authors, both single adults, are Billie Pate and Norman Bowman. Pate is supervisor of the pilot projects section, church training department, Sunday School Board. Bowman was editor of "The Student Magazine" for seven years and is now a free-lance writer, photographer, and artist in Dallas.

Each person who attends the conference will receive a free copy of the book. After the meeting, "New Beginnings" will be sold through Baptist Book Stores. Others of the 30 program

persons include Dr. D. P. Brooks, author and editor of "Adult Bible Study" and "Advanced Bible Study," Marjorie Rowden, director of public relations, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Dr. Dale Keeton, minister of counseling, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va.; and Dr. Lee Prince, pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Two sessions for workers with single adults will be led by Jim Walter and Mary Kathryn Black. Walter is an adult consultant in the Sunday School department, Sunday School Board. Black is adult-youth consultant, Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Single adult church groups will assist in fellowships, creative worship, and morning watch.

To register, send a \$16 Program Services fee to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

Joe Haynes, young adult consultant in the Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board, is coordinator for the Ridgecrest conference. A similar meeting will be conducted simultaneously at the Gorieta Baptist Conference Center.

Cruz And Golonka Recall Carter 'Back When'

By Robert O'Brien

NEW YORK (BP) — Two immigrants — one Cuban and the other Polish — watched their television sets with a mixture of awe and excitement as Jimmy Carter, a man they first met in 1968 during a Southern Baptist evangelistic crusade to ethics in New England, accepted the Democratic presidential nomination here.

Carter is believed to be the second Southern Baptist to win a U. S. presidential nomination. The other, Harry S. Truman, was less active in church and denominational affairs. The former Georgia governor is a deacon, part-time Sunday School teacher and serves as a trustee of a national Southern Baptist Convention agency, the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn.

In November, he and his running mate, U. S. Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D-Minn.), the son of a Methodist minister, may run against a Republican ticket including President Gerald R. Ford, an Episcopalian, and-or Ronald Reagan, a Presbyterian.

Eloy Cruz, pastor of Iglesia Bautista El Calvario (Calvary Baptist Church) Brooklyn, said in a telephone interview that the nomination of his fellow Southern Baptist evoked especially strong impressions.

Cruz, who came from Cuba 19 years ago, and Carter were among a group of men who took part in a multilingual evangelistic effort in Springfield, Mass., in November, 1968. Different teams went to different ethnic communities to discuss their faith with the residents. Carter, who speaks Spanish, and Cruz were teamed together.

When the two-week evangelistic effort ended, Cruz recalls, Carter personally drove him back to his home in Brooklyn, where Carter, then a Georgia state senator, planned to spend the night before returning to his home in Plains, Ga.

"We arrived in Brooklyn about 1 a. m.," Cruz said, speaking through an interpreter. "Before he went to bed, Jimmy went into the bedrooms of each of my three children and kissed them. That's when my heart really went out to Jimmy Carter."

Elias Golonka, now a Southern Baptist missionary to the United Nations, organized the Springfield crusade while he was assistant secretary of language missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Based on his observations of Carter in Springfield, and during his term as Georgia governor, Golonka, who lived in Atlanta, said he had a strong impression of Carter.

"The Jimmy Carter I saw on television during the Democratic Convention is the same Jimmy Carter I have always known. He has always impressed me with his concern for people, his honesty, his intellect and his ability to cross social, cultural, eco-

nomic and racial barriers."

"He has shown increasing maturity and personal and spiritual growth over the years, but he is still a down-to-earth individual from the grass roots of American life."

Both Golonka and Cruz rate Carter highly as a Christian.

Cruz, who is mentioned in Carter's book, "Why Not the Best?," and has maintained fairly close contact over the years, says: "He is a man of God — a great Christian. He has a very high concept of the gospel of Jesus Christ and is not ashamed to admit he is a Christian."

Golonka noted that many in the media have seemed puzzled about the compatibility of Carter's political toughness and his stance as a Christian who believes in love and compassion.

"Anyone who thinks a Christian must be weak is operating under a stereotype," Golonka said. "His toughness can be explained in that he is a man of principle, convictions and discipline. And he comes from a farmer's background. In a farmer's life there is self discipline."

"He is a man with empathy — an ability to listen and identify with needs," adds Golonka. "I have already heard favorable response from representatives of several United Nations delegations about Carter as a man."

"They are impressed by his directness . . . that he is an ordinary man of the soil from a place called Plains, Ga.," added Golonka, who is fluent in seven languages and can communicate in five others. "The people in socialist countries will have a special interest that a man from such a background — a peanut farmer from Georgia — could be president of our 'capitalistic' country."

Never part without loving words. They might be your last.

A narrow mind and an open mouth usually go together.

Old age is that period when a man is too old to take advice, but young enough to give it.

Happiness is getting something you want, but didn't expect.

25,000

Evacuated In Guadeloupe

BASSE TERRE, Guadeloupe (BP) — Fear of an eruption of the volcano, La Soufriere, has caused the Guadeloupe government to evacuate about 25,000 persons here.

Food, blankets and water purification tablets are being provided by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and by Medical Assistance Program (MAP) for the refugees.

According to reports, the volcano has spewed ashes, cinders, rocks and sulfuric fumes. A 1,500-foot crack in the cone of the semi-active volcano also caused concern for the safety of some 70,000 persons in the threatened area.

Southern Baptist missionaries approached government authorities, who had placed evacuees temporarily in school buildings, and offered the supplies for 250 families for at least a week. The action was in conjunction with a program of action planned by the Baptists more than six weeks earlier, when the volcano's potential eruption was made known.

"Working with MAP International, a relief agency in Wheaton, Ill., plans are being made to deliver the tablets, 900 double blankets and 1,600 pounds of meat to Guadeloupe," said W. Eugene Grubbs, the board's consultant on disaster relief and laymen overseas.

Larry Dixon, vice president of operations for MAP, is coordinating the shipment.

According to Grubbs, the relief aid should amount to about \$10,000 worth of goods. He has been in daily phone contact with Guadeloupe regarding specific requests for relief supplies.

Following contingency plans made earlier, Baptist church members will open their homes to victims of the disaster. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Frederick's Southern Baptist missionaries, will be used as the "Baptist Center for Emergency Help." They will have names and addresses of Baptists where evacuees can go for a limited time. They also will have food to distribute.

There are four Baptist churches and one Baptist mission on the island, with about 100 members total. Southern Baptist missionaries on the island are the Fredericks and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin L. Gary.

A. Jones Accepts Church In Vermont

The Rev. Aubrey C. Jones has resigned as pastor of Holly Bluff Church, where he has served for five and one-half years, to accept the pastorate of Springfield Chapel in Springfield, Vermont.

He and his wife, Peggy, and daughter, Kathy, will leave Mississippi on August 16 for Springfield. There are two other daughters. Angela will live in Yazoo City, and Pam will attend Clarke College.

Springfield Chapel is a mission of the South Burlington Baptist Church. The chapel, organized about two years ago, has a membership now of around 50. The only property owned by the chapel is a van which is used to bus children to church. They meet in a Masonic Hall.

The Jones' address will be P. O. Box 13, Springfield, Vt. 05156.

Mississippians On Camp Staff

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Four people from Mississippi churches are working here this summer on the staff at Camp Crestridge for Girls, located on the 1,900-acre grounds of Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

They are Johnnie Armstrong, chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at Blue Mountain College, from Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain; Carol Knight, a University of Southern Mississippi student from the Storehouse church, Hattiesburg; Connie Nelson, a University of Southern Mississippi student from 39th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg; and Linda Hamill, a 1974 Blue Mountain graduate from County Line Church, Union.

Miss Armstrong, the camp's assistant director, has been spending her summers at Camp Crestridge since it opened in 1955. Miss Knight is working as coordinator for the camp, while Miss Nelson is working with land sports, and Miss Hamill is the drama director for the summer.

The Christian Ministry

Dr. B. Philip Martin
Winona, Miss.

Our teasing friends are wont to say: "Out of a week, you work one day!" Now, for a moment, listen to me, And I shall describe the Ministry: It is planning, pleading, praying, preaching, It is talking, explaining, exhorting, teaching, It is endless study and preparation, It is endless search for inspiration, It is counseling children, husbands, wives, It is giving guidance to "messed up" lives, It is warning against sin's treacherous shoals, It is striving to win and save men's souls, It is doing the things the Saviour asks, It is doing a thousand thankless tasks, It is going each day from door to door, It is lifting the fallen and helping the poor, It is visiting the sick and being a friend, It is sharing the sorrows that have no end, It is carrying the burdens and living with loss, It is dying daily and bearing a cross, It is making mistakes and paying tenfold, It is marrying the young and burying the old, It is constant war with Satan and his agents, It is standing for truth and often alone, It is being the conscience of church and town, It is self-discipline of body and soul, It is living life in a goldfish bowl, It is often a lonely watch to keep, It is often praying while others sleep, It is this, and more, the Ministry, In human weakness and frailty, A glorious calling, a painful lot, But woe unto us who do it not!

Names In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wayne Eaves, Sr., formerly of Louisville, have been recognized



ing to Dr. Wade B. East, superintendent.

Lee Porter, a former Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) vice president, has been named senior adult consultant in the adult section of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy L. Montgomery, missionaries to Ghana, may be addressed at P. O. Box 34, Education Ridge, Tamale, Ghana. Before they were appointed in 1975, he was minister of youth and education at First Church, Pascagoula.

Two Mississippi College professors have been named as division chairmen by the Mississippi Academy of Sciences in their field of interest. Louis Temple, assistant professor of biological sciences and acting head of the department of biological sciences, will chair the Agriculture and Plant Science division, while Dr. Paul Ohme, associate professor of mathematics and coordinator of academic computing, will be the Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics division. They will be in charge of these divisions for the next annual meeting of MAS tentatively scheduled for March 3-4, 1977.

Michael R. Lott recently began service as minister of music and youth at Vancleave church, Vancleave. He came to Vancleave from serving as minister of music at the Cold Springs Church of Collins. Mr. Lott, a graduate of William Carey College, had served in other Mississippi Baptist churches prior to his ministry at Cole Springs.

Karen Rynell Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Jones, missionaries to Rhodesia, married Mark Andrew Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Ray, missionaries to Korea, on June 12 in Dallas, Tex.



Lydia Case left, has received a perfect attendance pin for 8 1/2 years perfect attendance in Sunday School at Cranfield Church, Adams Union Association. Mrs. Ben Moak, right, has received a pin for ten years perfect attendance in Sunday School at Cranfield. Rev. James R. Brooks pastor, states that these awards were presented on July 11.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Posey Jr., missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 3805 E. Camellia Drive, Mobile, Ala. 36609). The former Mamie Lou Eubanks, she was born in Lucedale, Miss.

Mavis Allen, editor of "Outreach" magazine for the past six years, has been named projects consultant in the general officers section of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. A native of Louisiana, she holds the B.A. Degree from Northwestern State University and the M.R.E. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Clint Nichols To Head N. O. Music Division

Dr. Clint Nichols, associate professor of Church Music and Voice at New Orleans Seminary, will become Chairman of the Division of Church Music Ministries at the Seminary effective August 1.

Dr. Nichols and his wife, Jarvis Rose Nichols, have been heard together in over 500 concerts, revivals, and related engagements over the past 11 years.

The two ministers in song have appeared at the Radio City Music



Eastlawn Calls

R. C. Wentworth

The Rev. R. C. Wentworth of Mobile, Alabama has accepted the call to Eastlawn Church as pastor. He and his family have moved on the field.

Mr. Wentworth comes to Eastlawn from the Zion Church in Mobile, Alabama. He and his wife, Ramona are the parents of two daughters, Cathi and Crissie, pictured above.



Mr. and Mrs. Edwards

Hopewell Church Calls Pastor

The Rev. Wayne Edwards of Indiana has been called as pastor of Hopewell Church, Little Rock, Mo.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Mr. Edwards recently received his Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He is shown with his wife, the former Patti Pierce of Amory, also a Mississippi College graduate.

Retirement? No

By Clark Rakestraw

I have been asked by many how was it in retirement. I don't know. I'm not in retirement. I resigned

Center Church last November, but I haven't stopped my ministry. I'm still busy.

A lot of folks still think I'm their pastor. It has been a little hard for me to adjust myself because I love folks. I mean a lot of folks.

No, I don't prepare many new sermons any more. I am made to wonder many times why many people haven't believed what I have preached until I think of Paul's words that the time would come when they wouldn't believe sound doctrine. That time is today.

Hall, New York; Riverside Church, New York; the New York City Opera; Manhattan Baptist Church; and with the New Orleans Philharmonic Orchestra.

As chairman of the division Dr. Nichols said he hopes "to establish closer relationships with Music Division alumni and develop programs which will aid the Music Minister in the local church setting."

Another new faculty member is Leroy Yarbrough, executive editor of Crescendo Music, Inc., in Dallas, will become assistant professor of choral conducting, effective Aug. 1.

Parkway Announces College Variety Show

It's an EXTRAVAGANZA to be presented by the college students of Parkway Church, 2603 W. Capitol St., Jackson. The evening's entertainment will include a one-act play, comedy skits, and secular and sacred music. The program will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on August 6 and 7 in the Activities Building which is located directly behind the sanctuary of Parkway Church.

A love offering will be taken at the conclusion of the program to help defray the expense of college week at Glorieta.

Sylvarena Men Eat Homemade Biscuits

Homemade biscuits cooked on a wood-burning stove were one feature of the fellowship breakfast held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Greer for the men of Sylvarena Church on Sunday, July 4. Over 30 men sat around tables decorated with bicentennial colors and flowing with eggs, sausage, bacon, and biscuits cooked on "Black Annie," the wood-burning stove of the Greers.

As a part of the fellowship meal, Rev. Roy Smith of Wesson offered the blessing and Charlie King, also of Wesson, brought a brief devotional. Chets included Jimmie James and Frank Walker, assisted by Mrs. Anice Anding, Mrs. Billie Walker, Mrs. Joy Lowery, and Mrs. Myrtle Bfett, with Mrs. Greer cooking on "Black Annie." Miss Stacy Walker ensured that all who attended the event were welcomed and registered.

Jerry Barlow is the pastor.

Bahamas Baptist Bible Institute Starts Courses On Other Islands

During the year 1975-76 the Bahamas Baptist Bible Institute, Rev. Charles C. Smith, principal, had an enrollment of 58 students. For the first time Extension Courses have been started on other islands. On North Andros two classes are enrolled, with 21 students in one and 31 in the other; on North Abaco 10 pastors and deacons are enrolled in an extension class.

These classes are attended by Dr. Paul D. Early, Southern Baptist Missionary and Vice-Principal and Administrator of the Institute, about every three weeks. Similar courses are projected for Exuma and for South Andros, with regular visits by the teacher. One other class is planned for the Grand Bahama area, using trained leadership in that area to guide the study. Seventeen persons are enrolled in a self-study program, using correspondence materials on the Christian Life, at Sandy Point, Abaco. This makes a total of 79 now enrolled in the Family Islands (all islands except New Providence, where Nassau is located).

One of the special blessings of this school year has been the re-opening of the Institute Library and its use by the students and by Baptist from churches across New Providence. Cary Ann Geron, a trained librarian, spent the summer of 1975 unpacking, re-shelving, re-cataloging the books of the library, and hundreds of new books as well. Lena Early (Mrs. Paul D.), Southern Baptist missionary, is Librarian. The library comprises over 3000 volumes and we believe this to be the only large theological library open to the public in the Bahamas.



Three Generations Baptized At Tutwiler

After morning worship on July 11, First Church, Tutwiler, gathered around the swimming pool of Tom Jennings for an outdoor baptismal service. Nine people were baptized, seven of them adults. The picture shows the pastor, Jimmy Martin, on the left with the assistance of Lewis Kellum on the right, baptizing three members of the same family. They are Robert Perry (Father), Linda Perry (mother), and Robert Perry Jr. (son). Another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wooley were also baptized. Earlier this year, three generations of the same family were baptized in succession — a grandfather, a father, and a son. The church has recorded more than thirty additions this year, half of them professions of faith.

The pastor credits most of the baptisms of the young people to the influence of Camp Lakeside where they attend each summer. Lakeside belongs to the Tallahatchie Association. First Church, Tutwiler, has raised almost \$1700 to build a swimming pool at the camp. Earlier this year, the association built a new brick home at Lakeside.



Missionaries On Furlough

Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi are:

Hal and Lou Ann Lee, France, 511 Orchard Road, B211, Pascagoula; Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile 2007-A 24th Ave., Meridian; Margaret Fairburn, Liberia, c-o Mrs. Earl Skinner, Rt. 4, Tylertown; R. T. and Fran Buckley, Bangladesh, 921 Jackson, Columbia; Mary A. Ditsworth, Indonesia, 4610 Orchard Road, Pascagoula; Charles and Elizabeth Ray, Thailand, 117 Oak Drive, Brandon; Elton and Dottie Gray, Okinawa, c-o Calvary Baptist Church, Box 1008, Tupelo; Parkes and Martha Ellen Marler, Guam, 715 E. Northside Dr., Jackson; Jim and Carolyn McAtee, Indonesia, c-o Dr. Charles Myers, Alta Woods Baptist Church, 168 Colonial Drive, Jackson;

John and Fonce McFadden, Nigeria, 602 McCord St., West Point; Edd and Freda Trott, North Brazil, 208 East Main St., Clinton. Bill and Carolyn Smith, South Brazil, will be returning to Mississippi in August.

WILLIE, Liberia—The annual Baptist Women's Convention met here recently with 200 women attending the three-day meeting. Because of her illness, Victoria (Mrs. William) Tolbert's opening message had to be read for the first time in 13 years. Her husband is the President of Liberia and the president of the Baptist convention in Liberia.

Native Of American Samoa Is First SBC Missionary There

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Hawaii Baptist Convention have appointed the denomination's first missionary to American Samoa — six tiny islands in the South Pacific just east of the International Dateline.

Ray Villamu, a native of the island group, is returning to begin mission work in Pago Pago, Samoa's largest city, after a 19-year absence. He will make the first attempt at Baptist mission work in the islands, according to a HMB spokesman.

Annexed to the U.S. at the beginning of this century, the islands have a family-oriented culture, subsist on their own farming — bananas, taro, breadfruit, sugar cane — and raise chickens and pigs. The islands have several industries, including tuna canning, dairy products, and a clothing manufacturer. The lush vegetation, upland waterfalls, and airy grass-roofed homes give the islands a hint of a tropical paradise.

Villamu is beginning the Baptist work at the invitation of his stepfather, a clan chief. As a child, Villamu spoke Samoan, but he learned to read and write English in the high school on Tutuila, the largest island in the group.

Villamu, whose given name is Defanoga, attended East Texas Baptist College in Marshall. There he first attended a Baptist church and made a "profession of faith in Jesus Christ."

After graduation from college, he entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, earning a master of divinity degree. And he married Lena Sprouse, a Fort

1st, Glendale To Hear Stewart At Homecoming

First Church of Glendale will have homecoming on August 22.

Dinner on the ground will be followed by an afternoon service with Dr. Don Stewart as guest speaker. Dr. Stewart is Chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at William Carey College and former pastor of the church.

Rev. Cliff Estes is presently pastor.

Dewey Metts Retires

The Rev. Dewey M. Metts, Sr. has retired from the pastorate and now lives at 1123 W. Cherokee Avenue, Ocean Springs 36564 (telephone 875-5615). He says, "I have not retired from preaching — just from the pastorate."

Mr. Metts will be available for supply preaching or other similar engagements.



WIN Program Taught At Clarke College

Dr. Eugene Dobbs, pastor of First Church, Philadelphia, in cooperation with the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, taught the Witness Involvement Now program to ministerial students and wives at Clarke College during the week of July 5-8. The effort was sponsored by the campus BSU Council and Ministerial Association. Pictured Left to Right are: J. B. Castlow, BSU director; Dr. Eugene Dobbs; Wayne Elliott, president of Ministerial Association; and John Wilson, BSU president.

Monroe, Va., native who was also a student there.

Villamu will work under the direction of the Hawaii Baptist Convention. He was pastor nine years of First Baptist Church, Nanakuli, Hawaii and two years director of religious activities for Hawaii Baptist Academy.

Winters To Speak At Satartia's First Homecoming

Rev. Melvin Winters, pastor of Flat Creek Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, and a former pastor at Satartia, will preach on homecoming day at Satartia Church August 15, and will preach for the revival that begins there that day.

The morning worship service for homecoming will begin at 10:30. Other former pastors and former members are expected for dinner on the ground and other activities. Rev. Gene Speight, pastor, says, "This will be Satartia's first homecoming, so we are making history."

Harmony Calls Richard White

The Rev. Richard White has accepted the pastorate of Harmony Church, Pearl River Association.



Christopher, 9, Paige, 7, and Jonathan, 3.

Mr. White, a graduate of William Carey College, will be entering his second year at New Orleans Seminary this fall.

Panola Announces Seminary Extension Classes For Fall

"Panola Baptist Association invites all interested persons to attend our Seminary Extension Classes this fall," states G. E. Jolley, director of missions.

There will be six nights, three hours per night. They are: September 13 and 27; October 4 and 11; November 1 and 8. Classes will be held at First Church, Batesville.

Dr. James Travis, Professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College, will teach the Book of Romans — suggested January Bible Study Book for 1977.

Richard Smith, minister of music at FBC in Batesville, will teach a class in church music. This class is designed for all music directors and any other person interested in church music. The class will begin with basic music study and will include conducting and worship service planning. A simple cantata will also be taught during the study.

Cost of the classes will be \$20.00 for the Bible study and \$15.00 for the music.

Those interested in attending should apply not later than August 15 by sending their name and entrance fee to G. E. Jolley at P. O. Box 546 Batesville, Ms. 38602.



Four Pioneers Still Active

Four Southern Baptist missionaries who signed the Philippine Baptist Mission charter in 1950 are still active in the Philippines. Three of them recently attended the 27th annual mission meeting. They are (left to right) James Foster, Mississippian, mission treasurer and consultant in Chinese work; Alcile May Pettigrew (Mrs. Clyde S.) Jowers, serving in the Davao Chinese Baptist Church and in the Mindanao Baptist Bible School, Davao City; and Theresa Anderson, working with the Manila Chinese Baptist Church. On the far right is Southern Baptist Missionary Mary Lucile Saunders, curriculum secretary of the Baptist Center in Manila who came to the Philippines in 1952. Zelma Van Osol (Mrs. James) Foster, the other active charter member, was unable to attend. (FMB photo by Robert L. Stanley.)

Prayer Lift For Pastors: August 8-14

Pike
August 8
Ray Pridgen, Friendship
Eddie King, Johnston Station
Robert Dunn, Locust Street
J. B. Fowler, McComb, First
William Crosby, Magnolia, First
August 9
Howard Brister, Navilla
Joe Ratcliff, North McComb
Drew Blanton, Osyka
John Cutrer, Progress
David McMillan, South McComb
August 10
Larry Sweat, Silver Springs
Michael Street, Silver Creek
Larry Fields, Summit, First
W. C. Burns, Tangipahoa
John Hedgepeth, Terry Creek
August 11
Wayne Sterling, West McComb
Roger Wilkins, Union
Tony Bankston, Unity
Pontotoc
Lana F. Pickens, Bellevue
Jerry Glover, New Robbs, Bethel
August 12
Ronnie Barefield, Buchanan
Larry Maxey, Carlo
Ed Pettit, Carey Springs
Joe Herndon, Cherry Creek
A. V. Bailey, Chesterville Calvary
August 13
Robert Alexander, County Line
Charles Stuberfield, Ecu
Partee Tutor, Endville
Eugene Tutor, Friendship
J. W. Owen, Jr., Harmony
August 14
Lamon Owens, Hebron
Ronnie Sutton, Hurricane
Bane Alexander, Hopewell
Ben Hill, Horton Memorial
Felix Hutcherson, Immanuel

Home Mission Study Institute At Garaywa

The Northwest will be the area of emphasis for the Home Mission Graded Series for 1977. Looking forward to this emphasis on missions in the United States, Woman's Missionary Union is planning a Home Mission Study Institute at Camp Garaywa on August 27.

This conference will offer teaching helps for each book in the graded series study. The books to be used are: A SENSE OF SPRING, adult division book; SUNSETS AND SKI TRAILS, youth division book; FOUR WINDS-BLOWING, older children; NEW FACES, NEW FRIENDS, younger children.

The institute will offer instruction in methods of teaching each of the books offered in the Home Mission Graded Series on the Northwest as well as providing ideas for visual presentation and audience participation.

The updated units for the present school year which will be emphasized are: SEE WHAT I SEE and SOMEONE LIKE ME.

Leading the conferences for the day of training will be: Adult division — Ethel McKeithen and Frances Shaw, Mississippi WMU; Youth division — Marilyn Hopkins, Mississippi WMU; Children's division (older children) — Waudine Storey, Mississippi WMU; Children's division (younger children) — Mrs. George Aultman, Preschool division — Mrs. Joe Barber.

The conference will begin at 10 a.m. and will conclude at 2 p.m. Cost for the day, including the noon meal, & insurance will be \$1.75.

Sunday School Lesson: International For August 15

Doers Of The Word

By Wm J. Falls
James 1:22 to 2:26

This is the fourth lesson in the unit on "Mission of the Church." The others have dealt with the Bible's message of grace and faith, the need of Bible translation to help people understand it, and the evangelistic outreach of the church motivated by the Bible. Today we are confronted with the demand for authentic religion.



In the book of James we see another extension of prophetic awareness from the Old Testament into the Christian community. The fellowship of Christian believers was far more than another cult. It responded to divine expectations of a higher quality of living than either the secularists or the pious idolaters.

The Lesson Explained
Authentic Religion
(Jas. 1:22, 26-27)

Perhaps from childhood you have remembered verse 22; it is clear, concise, and obviously true. It reminds us of a parable of Jesus: the story of a father who asked his sons for help; one said he would but didn't, while the other said he wouldn't but did. To

listen gives the impression of acceptance and obedience, but God is more concerned that the job gets done.

Authentic religion is not merely listening to sermons; it is also controlling one's speech. Authentic religion is caring for those who need help, like orphans and widows. Authentic religion is avoiding the evil influence of ungodly living. The real Christian will be concerned with both compassionate service and personal integrity. Before God, one is as important as the other.

Forbids Partiality In The Church
(Jas. 2:1-7)

The meaning of verse 1 comes through in The New English Bible: "My brothers believing as you do in our Lord Jesus Christ, who reigns in glory, you must never show snobbery." The next three verses illustrate the point. Because Jesus is the head of the church, its members cannot let money influence attitudes toward their brothers. That would be evaluating persons by false standards. The illustration sounds like it might be addressed to church ushers, but in New Testament times every man probably was on the welcoming committee. Any modern member can be tempted at this point, too.

Verses 5-7 seem to reveal a sharp polarization in James's mind as to the rich and poor. Because rich members of the church

surely would not blaspheme the name of Christ (v. 7), he must be talking about the wealthy outside the church, those who are wicked and oppressive. Thus, one interpreter suggests that "poor" here can be equated with the pious, and the "rich" are wicked outsiders. James did feel that God intended to endow the poor with a wealth of faith.

Insists On Faith With Works
(Jas. 2:14-26)

Evidently, Christians of that day boasted freely about having faith but did not show it in a changed life. For them, faith was something you felt and talked about; for James, it was a relationship to God in Christ that changed attitudes and actions toward other persons. The other kind of faith could not save because it would do nothing to help people in need. Real faith in Christ had to demonstrate the spirit of Christ. Otherwise, it was not the real thing; it was only words or feelings, and James said it was "dead." Even for those who might assume that faith and works are different gifts from God (v. 18), James insisted that the best way to provide the reality of the one was by demonstration of the other. It was not significant to boast about one's belief. There is no special merit in believing there is one God; "the devils also believe, and tremble." Whatever one's creed, it means nothing without a life to match it.

Sunday School Lesson: Life And Work For August 8

A Holy People

By Bill Duncan
Leviticus 19; Joshua 24

This is the first of four lessons dealing with Israel's struggle to be God's distinctive people in a pagan culture. These lessons parallel the church's struggle to be "in the world but not of the world." God wants each Christian to maintain a distinctive Christian life style in today's secular world. There are some important lessons that we can learn from Israelite history that will help us to avoid mistakes in our life.



Since God is holy, his people must be holy also, living by his moral and ethical laws. The expectation of God is based upon his covenant relationship with the nation. The Mosaic covenant was made at Mt. Sinai and explained in the Ten Commandments. In the book of Leviticus the code of behavior is explained.

The basic of the high expectation is the nature of God. In the 19th chapter of Leviticus the idea, "I am the Lord," appears 16 times. The importance of God's insistence on holiness is rooted in the fact that he owns all the world. He owned the land so he had a right to dictate the terms of its occupancy. The Israelites were to be God's people on God's special soil.

The word "holy," needs some explanation. Can you or anyone ever be holy? Most of the time we connect the word holy with moral perfection. Yet the Bible says that places are holy, vessels are holy, people are holy and land is holy. The root idea in the word holy is cutting, which emphasizes separation.

God wanted his people to be morally and ethically different from those people who did not worship God. Their character and conduct were to be superior to the pagans who lived around them. The life-style of the Israelites and God's people was to show the covenant idea. In the Leviticus passage, God spelled out the daily life-style of behavior he expected. The holy people were to provide provisions for the poor and the sojourner. They were to be honest and truthful. Being holy meant that one paid an honest day's wage for an honest day's work. Being holy even included having an appreciation for and working to improve the cattle, the crops and the vineyards.

A person's life was to express his relationship to God in more

ways than offering sacrifices. Too much of what we call holy living is limited to the church building. God was trying to show that religion and life are the same.

When Joshua was preparing to present his last appeal to the Israelites that had possessed the promised land, he read the holiness code of Leviticus 17 through 26 to the people. He had been their leader since Moses passed from the scene. Under his leadership the land had been cleared of the pagans in the most part. The Lord had shown one miracle after another to the people. Now Joshua was old and still the Israelites had not established a consistent pattern of faithfulness to God.

"Fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth," said Joshua. God wants his people to serve him as a slave subject — willing to do whatever the Master asks. The labor is to be done with complete integrity and with dependable reliability. In order to do this the people had to establish God as the only God.

Joshua's testimony is that he and his house were going to serve God. The people responded that they were going to do the same thing. Somehow Joshua sensed a lack of depth in their commitment. So he told them that they could not serve God half-heartedly. The people may have thought that they could not worship the Lord on that level of commitment. God cannot tolerate divided affection any more than a husband or wife will tolerate an affair by their mate.

From Egypt to Shechem, God had blessed the children of Israel. But if Israel should break the covenant, God would turn his actions around and "hurt" the people. The choice was between goals. Their choice was to turn from gods they could see and touch to the God that responds to faith.

Israel's commitment would not only affect Joshua's generations but would set the course for the generations to come. They would find themselves in the mainstream of His purpose if they decided to serve the Lord.

This is a good day for the people of God to examine our attitudes and goals toward God. We need men like Joshua who will explain the solemn word of God's holiness. Our society is becoming more pagan each year. Today God is calling his people to become holy. Christians should set the moral tone for the nation. Every aspect of our lives must show forth our relationship of love and obedience toward God.

Bovina Mission In Warren County Is Constituted As Church



Bovina Baptist Mission in Warren County was constituted into Bovina Church on Sunday afternoon, July 18. The new church is located in the community of Bovina, six miles east of Vicksburg on Interstate Highway I-20.

Rev. Jasper Collins, who has served as mission pastor for the past 15 months, is pastor of the new church. The organization was constituted with 86 members. But charter membership will be held open until September 29.

Collins, pastor of the mission, announced that the mission had unanimously adopted a constitution and by-laws at the preceding morning service. He then read a Declaration of Purpose, which indicated that the group were organizing a Baptist church which would be in full cooperation with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention through support of the Cooperative Program, and that it would apply for membership in the Warren County Association at the next regular meeting of that body. A motion was made and unanimously carried to constitute the mission membership as a church into a Baptist church. Jack Harper, Chairman of the Associational Missions Committee, led in the dedication service.

es Messer, pastor of Highland Church, gave the benediction.

The Bovina Mission was started on July 9, 1967, in an afternoon service in the Bovina Methodist Church, called to see how many people were interested in starting Baptist work in the community. Rev. Donald Henderson, pastor at that time of Trinity Baptist Church, was in charge of the service. There was interest, and decision was made to launch the mission, under the sponsorship of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Windham donated two lots to the new mission in the Windham subdivision, located north of the Bovina Community. After some time the mission and association leaders decide that the new work should be nearer the center of the community, and 9½ acres were purchased at the present site.

About 1969 a building was erected, and in 1975 an educational unit was added. The mission already had acquired a mobile home for use of the pastor.

Pastors who have served during the life of the mission have been: Rev. Donald Henderson, Rev. R. D. Gales, and the present pastor, Jasper Collins who began his service on April 1, 1975. Interim pastors who have served during the life of the mission have been: Rev. R. D. Gales, and the present pastor, Jasper Collins who began his service on April 1, 1975. Interim pastors who have served during the life of the mission have been: Rev. R. D. Gales, and the present pastor, Jasper Collins who began his service on April 1, 1975.



A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Wida Funcher

Watching the boxing in the Olympics the other night, I kept asking why boxers like to box. The answers were given by the men in the room, who assured me that boxing is one of the oldest sports and one which requires a great deal of strength, and, in general, is very popular.

About the time of the statement concerning the requirement of great strength, one of the boxers bloodied the nose of the other and at a couple of points the referee had to take a time to wipe the blood from the boxer's face. I said, "Would you like to look at a fellow's face and know that you had hurt him that badly?"

The answer, after only a brief hesitation was, "No, I wouldn't like to know I had done that to a man."

The boxing matches set me to thinking about the ways we choose to prove our strength. There are many ways we use that are just as ruthless and heartless as boxing seems to me to be, ways that may not bloody noses and eyes and faces, but ways that bloody hearts. Possibly it seems like meddling to mention specific ways, but consider how we prove our strength day-by-day with the people around us. How about repeating the news that our friend or fellow-worker is in trouble? Doesn't that make us seem stronger because we aren't in the same trouble? How about proving that we are right about a statement we have made, though someone challenged us? Doesn't that make us seem more enlightened and intelligent because we were right?

How about yelling at our children when they're down? Doesn't that make us seem bigger and older and wiser because we've grown up? How about buying something we really can't afford? Doesn't that make us seem richer because people see us with the unaffordable possession?

On and on we go, proving our strength by weakness.

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Consider Illiteracy Problem

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Illiteracy affects everyone, especially the one out of five adult Americans who are functional nonreaders.

A group of 42 volunteers from across the nation addressed themselves to that problem during an intensive two-week literacy missions workshop at Samford University, a Baptist school here.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board in cooperation with Samford, the workshop was planned "to prepare people from all over the SBC to lead literacy missions in their state associations or churches," according to its director, Mildred Blankenship.

"Most of these people are already involved in their local churches in some aspect of the literacy ministry. We equip them to train over volunteers," said Miss Blankenship, director of literacy missions for the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

The literacy missions program is divided into three phases:

teaching adults to read and write, tutoring school age youths, and teaching English to the foreign born.

"The ultimate goal is to teach the student to read the Bible," said Miss Blankenship. "But it doesn't mean that they have the plan of salvation crammed down their throats."

"When they ask why we are teaching them to read, it's easy for us to answer 'Jesus.' This contact opens the door for us to share Christ."

"I recall the story of a woman

who had just accepted Christ was given a Bible. She handed it back, saying that it wouldn't do her any good because she couldn't read," related Miss Blankenship. "We're trying to help."

Acknowledging that there are psychological problems involved in adult illiteracy, Miss Blankenship said that most volunteers work with students on a one-to-one basis.

"Small groups in a social setting work well with the English for foreigners classes, however," she said.

Devotional

Because He Lives...

By Paul Vandercook, Director of Language Ministries,
Gulf Coast and Jackson County Associations
Text: Job 14:14

From the oldest book in the Bible comes one of the oldest questions man has ever asked. Since he first experienced death man has wanted to know, "If a man die shall he live again?"

To be more exact, the question is WHEN a man dies shall he live again? Death is one of those inevitable things we all face. It is one thing we cannot avoid. For it is appointed unto man once to die.

At one time or another each of us has had to face the reality of death. Someone we have loved has died. We may try to mask the unpleasantness of death with flowers and music but the fact remains, life on earth has ended for someone. We feel our lives will never be the same again.

That's the same feeling that Jesus' disciples must have had on the night of the crucifixion. They had seen the Master on the cross. They knew he was buried in the tomb in the garden. They must have felt that all was lost.

The man in whom they had put their trust was dead. The hope on which they had staked their futures was gone. Despite his promises of a new kingdom, things looked much as they had looked three years earlier.

Peter expressed their frustration and desperation best when he said, "I'm going fishing." He knew nothing to do but return to his former life style.

But then things changed. Friday's gloom was washed away in Sunday's dawn. The grave was empty. What had marked the ending now shouted out a new beginning. Christ had risen from the dead just as he had told them.

Peter no longer had to fish; he could preach to thousands in the city. Thomas no longer had to doubt; he could say "My lord, and my God."

We, too, can know that assurance. We can lean on the words of Jesus to Martha as they stood near the tomb of Lazarus. "I am the resurrection and the life," he told her, "he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live again."

When a man die, shall he live again? Yes, most certainly he shall. Because the resurrection is a fact, because Jesus lives we shall live. There is not a better comfort for the bereaved nor a better hope for the living.



All-Stars For BMC Cagers

At the close of the final games played in Blue Mountain College's Junior High Camp Number Two, these girls were named ALL-STARS. The girls are: Row One, Susan Brooks, Selmer, Tn.; and Julie Rish, Pontotoc; row 2, Betty Aron, Honika, Jo Beth Foley, Union County; Ann Foresythe, Selmer, Tn.; Lisa Davis, Houlka; Donna Hendricks, Houlka; and Mary Beth Young, Oxford; row 3, Karla Williams, Houlka; Pam Brown, Selmer, Tn.; Ronda Peden, Houlka; Daphne Burgess, Houlka; Diane Easley, Houlka; and Shelia Jackson, Hickory Flat.

MC Is To Host Conference On Aged

Plans for a Conference on the Problems of the Retired and Aged, to be hosted by Mississippi College, are currently underway under the direction of Dr. James Brewer, newly named assistant to the dean of the Graduate School and director of continuing education programs.

The Conference, made possible by a grant from the Mississippi Committee for the Humanities, is scheduled for the campus Tuesday, August 31. The event is being coordinated by Mrs. Irene Shurden of Clinton.

According to Mrs. Shurden, approximately 500 individuals will be invited to the one-day meeting. The program is being planned in conjunction with the Mississippi Council on Aging, directed by Horace Kerr of Jackson. Among the invited participants will be representatives from state agencies, legislators, representatives from various organizations of retired persons, plus concerned individuals from all segments of society who are concerned about the problems of the aged and their possible solutions.

Assisting Mrs. Shurden in the capacity as an advisory committee are Dr. F. D. Hewitt, H. G. Street, Dr. R. A. McLemore, Dr. Howard Spell, Horace Kerr, Joe Aldridge, Dr. Wilbur Carpenter, Dr. Sarah Rouse and Miss Ruby Thompson.

Individuals desiring additional information or an invitation to attend the conference should contact Dr. Brewer at Mississippi College.

Moves To Blue Lake

The Rev. Paul Blanchard has accepted the pastorate of Blue Lake Church, Lambert. He has resigned at Blaine Church, Sun-



flower Association, where he was pastor for three years. Mr. Blanchard graduated from Drew High School and Mississippi Delta Junior College and is now a senior at Delta State University.

Off The Record

An exasperated salesman abandoned his car in a no-parking zone, leaving this note: "I've circled this block 20 times. I have an appointment and must keep it or lose my job. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES." Upon returning he found a parking ticket and this note: "I've circled this block 20 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."

A pretty young woman with flowing auburn hair was shopping on Fifth Avenue when she found she was being followed by a smoothie from the continent of South America.

At Sloane's she turned on him, indignant. "You've been following me for three blocks — I saw you. You can stop right now. I'm not the kind of girl you can pick up."

The gentleman bowed, and smiled. "Young lady," he said "I am not picking you up I am picking you out." — American Opinion.

A chap who spent most of Sunday in front of his television set watching one football game after another finally fell asleep there and spent the night in his chair. When his wife arose in the morning she was afraid that he would be late for work. "Get up, dear," she said. "It's twenty to seven."

In an instant the man was fully awake. "In whose favor?" he asked.

ON TARGET

My pastor shapes his sermons from A to final Z, in clear and forthright language, and aims them straight at me. And when he gets to preaching I look around to see if there might be another deserving more than me. But every soul looks saintly, there hearts to heaven turned. While I in my conviction, can only sit and squirm. You know, I often wonder, if I should miss a day, Would he, without a target, have anything to say? Mid-Week Messenger FBC, Hamilton, Mont.

Letter To President Tells Of Church's Prayer Support

Macedonia Church, Hattiesburg, held special prayer on July 4 for President Gerald Ford, other national leaders, and other public officials. The pastor of the church, Dick Onarecker, then wrote a letter to President Ford, telling of the church's prayers, and expressing their encouragement to Christian discipleship.

In part, the letter said, "The purpose of our prayer is that God might illumine each of your minds with the unique wisdom of God, and strengthen you by the power of His Holy Spirit for the task of leading our nation... that you might make all decisions effecting the course of this nation in an attitude of prayer."

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